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SUBJ: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, RIVER BASIN WATER QUALITY,
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1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE DATED JULY 15 TO
KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET WITH COPY TO DR. V. R. LOZANSKIY, DIRECTOR,
ALL-UNION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF WATER PROTECTION (VNIIV),
(VNIIVO), ULITSA BAKULINA, 6, KHAR'KOV, 59.

2. "DEAR YURIY: I AM WRITING TO FURTHER CLARIFY THE SITUATION
REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OF AMERICAN SPECIALISTS TO THE USSR
UNDER THE RIVER BASIN WATER QUALITY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT
PROJECT, 02-02-11. THIS INFORMATION SUPPLEMENTS MY MESSAGE
DATED JULY 13 AND SUPERCEDES THE JUNE 29 LETTER OF MARK
PISANO TO DR. LOZANSKIY.

UNFORTUNATELY, A PROBLEM HAS DEVELOPED WHICH MAKES IT
IMPOSSIBLE FOR DR. LOUCKS AND DR. GUSTAFSON TO VISIT THE USSR
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AS EXPECTED FOR THE 14-DAY PERIOD SEPTEMBER 19-OCTOBER 2. DR.

GUSTAFSON HAS A PRIOR COMMITMENT TO THE WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE POLICY OF THE JOINT US-USSR COMMITTEE ON COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY WHICH HAS RECENTLY HAD ITS PLANNED VISIT TO THE USSR RESCHEDULED FOR THIS PERIOD OF TIME.

THEREFORE, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE 14-DAY VISIT BY DR. LOUCKS AND DR. GUSTAFSON UNDER PROJECT 02.02-11 BE RESCHEDULED FOR THE PERIOD OCTOBER 3-17. DR. LOUCKS WILL ARRIVE IN MOSCOW ON OCTOBER 3, AND DR. GUSTAFSON WILL REMAIN IN THE USSR AND ARRANGE TO MEET WITH DR. LOUCKS ON OCTOBER 3. BOTH WILL THEN DEPART MOSCOW FOR THE USA ON OCTOBER 17.

IN GENERAL, THE PROGRAM OUTLINED IN A. V. MAKAROV'S LETTER OF APRIL 19, 1975, TO TUDOR DAVIES SEEMS SUITABLE. DR. LOUCKS AND DR. GUSTAFSON ARE INTERESTED IN CONTINUING DISCUSSIONS USING THE SEVERSKIY DONETS RIVER AS A CASE STUDY OF THE SOVIET APPROACH TO WATER QUALITY PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT. THEY ARE ANXIOUS TO STUDY THE ACTUAL PLANNING, MONITORING, AND ENFORCEMENT PROCESS, INCLUDING THE PLANNING TECHNIQUES THAT ARE EMPLOYED, HOW THE PLANS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED, AND HOW THE RESULTS OBTAINED FROM MODELING ARE USED IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS. ALSO, THEY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN OBSERVING AN INSPECTORATE TO LEARN ABOUT ITS ROLE IN THE IMPLEMENTATION AND ENFORCEMENT OF WATER QUALITY PLANS AND IN THE PROCESS OF CONFLICT RESOLUTION. FINALLY, THEY WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN SETTING UP A SYSTEM FOR THE AUTOMATIC REGULATION OF WATER QUALITY ON THE SEVERSKIY DONETS RIVER.

PLEASE INFORM US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS TO THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE ARE EXPECTING DR. YEREMENKO AND DR. STANISHEVSKIY TO ARRIVE IN WASHINGTON AUGUST 17 FOR A 14-DAY VISIT ENDING AUGUST 31 WITH DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON.

IN CLOSING, ONCE AGAIN I URGE THAT SOVIET PARTICIPANTS PASS THEIR COMMUNICATIONS FIRST TO YOUR SECRETARIAT FOR TRANSMISSION TO ME BY THE US EMBASSY, AND THAT IF IN URGENT CASES COMMERCIAL CABLES MUST BE SENT THEY BE ADDRESSED TO ME. SINCERELY, BILL BROWN"

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